

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 26, 28, 29, 31-42, 45, 46, and 48-52 are pending. Claims 1-25, 27, 30, 43, 44, and 47 were previously cancelled. The current Office Action indicates that claims 26, 28, 29, 31-42, 46, and 48-52 are allowed. Office Action, p. 2. Claim 45 is objected to. Applicant has amended claim 45 by inserting “and” prior to the last polynucleotide recited in the claim.

II. Objection to Claim 45

The Office objects to claim 45 asserting that the “listing of the Markush group is improper.” Office Action, p. 2.

Applicant courteously acknowledges the Examiner’s helpful suggestion and has inserted “and” prior to the last polynucleotide recited in claim 45. Applicant requests that the Office withdraw the objection.

III. Conclusion

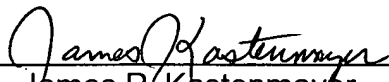
Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims are in condition for allowance. However, should the Office conclude that the objection should be maintained, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned to discuss the rejection.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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